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SUBJECT: 1974 CIP PROJECT.

DEPT. FOR CU/AF ATTN. WESTMORELAND PASS CIP

HAVE OBTAINED WRITTEN REPORT BY DEREK THOMAS ON CIP
EXPERIENCE WHICH AFTER STATING IT " ONE OF FINEST
EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES" HE EVER HAD, GOES ON TO SAY:
" IT UNFORTUNATE THAT ONLY DURING VISIT TO AGENCY AND
CAMP SITE TO WHICH ASSIGNED THAT I INFORMED, MUCH TO MY
DISAPPOINTMENT THAT:

1. I WOULD NOT BE WORKING WITH CAMP ADMINISTRATORS
AND/OR ORGANIZERS ON EQUAL LEVEL FOR PRIMARY PURPOSE AND
BENEFIT STUDYING EXCHANGING PROFESSIONAL IDEAS, BUT
WOULD BE WORKING AS JUNIOR CAMP COUNCILLOR, TOGETHER
WITH TEENAGE CAMP LEADERS.
2. CAMP FACILITIES QUITE INADEQUATE AND PRIMITIVE.
3. NO SEPARATE OR PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE
FOR ADULTS.
4. THERE NO ORGANIZED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.
5. CHILDREN ATTENDING CAMP UNRULY, UNSAVOURY AND
POTENTIAL DELINQUENTS.

I CERTAINLY NOT PREPARED FOR, OR HAD ANTICIPATED ANY
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OF ABOVE AND REGRET THAT MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

COULD NOT HAVE BEEN OBTAINED BEFOREHAND. I ALSO
DOUBT WHETHER MEMBERS OF C.A.I.P. WERE TRULY AWARE OF
CIRCUMSTANCES AND FULL IMPLICATIONS OF ACTUAL CAMP.
ABOVE WAS THEN ALSO RELEVANT MY KNOWLEDGE OF MY OWN
AGENCY EXPERIENCING CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES AT TIME, AND
I FELT MY SERVICES THERE, AS DIRECTOR, WOULD BE FAR
MORE USEFUL AND VALUABLE, THAN CONTINUING WITH PROGRAM
UNDER THOSE PROFESSIONALLY VALUELESS CONDITIONS. I
THEN INFORMED MY SUPERIOR OF SITUATION AND SUGGESTED I
BE RECALLED IN VIEW OF ALL CIRCUMSTANCES."
APPRECIATE CIP RESPONSE RE FACTUALITY THOMAS REPORT
PRIOR TO MEETING WITH THOMAS HEADMASTER. ADVISE.
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